

I am opposed to the notion of requiring my electronic hardware to be "approved" to receive or play electronic media I have obtained legally. This is similar to allowing oil companies to require you to use "approved cars" to burn their gasoline. If I pay for something, I should be allowed to view it on anything that can read it in, whether it be a store-bought piece of hardware or a software program I write myself in my spare time.

Here are some interesting quotes from an article on zdNet's website:

"There are a few problems with this argument. First, near-perfect copies of digital content are already available on CDs and DVDs. Second, anyone with a pirate receiver that ignores the broadcast flag can distribute the program freely: It only takes one person making a file available on Kazaa for the file to leak permanently.

Third, depending on how the regulation is written, it could limit the public's ability to use the broadcasts in legitimate, non-infringing ways. Fourth, as computers and TVs continue to converge, this approach will inevitably lead to greater regulations imposed on PC companies and perhaps even operating system makers. "